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**Cc:** Harris-Bishop, Rusty[Harris-Bishop.Rusty@epa.gov]; Keener, Bill[Keener.Bill@epa.gov]; Allen, HarryL[Allen.HarryL@epa.gov]; MUSANTE, JASON[Musante.Jason@epa.gov]  
**From:** Calvino, Maria Soledad  
**Sent:** Wed 8/24/2016 3:41:10 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Panda International/Fruitland Magnesium Fire

Thanks, Dan! Cc'ing Harry and Jason so they are in the loop.

**From:** Meer, Daniel  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 24, 2016 8:34 AM  
**To:** Calvino, Maria Soledad <Calvino.Maria@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Harris-Bishop, Rusty <Harris-Bishop.Rusty@epa.gov>; Keener, Bill <Keener.Bill@epa.gov>  
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Soledad and Rusty – this is what we should send to NBCUniversal. Dan

EPA has stabilized the site so that contaminants will not migrate into the surrounding neighborhood. The site is fenced and has 24 hour security to prevent trespass and vandalism.

EPA has established a multi-agency coordination group, with state and local agencies, including the Los Angeles County Fire Department, the California Department of Toxics Substances Control and the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery, to develop a plan for addressing the site contamination with the least impact to the neighborhood and with the maximum potential for recycling usable material from the site. EPA's policy is 'enforcement first', which means that the parties responsible for the pollution and contamination should pay for its mitigation.

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**From:** Calvino, Maria Soledad  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 23, 2016 5:26 PM  
**To:** Meer, Daniel  
**Cc:** Harris-Bishop, Rusty  
**Subject:** FW: Panda International/Fruitland Magnesium Fire

Hi Dan,

We got a press inquiry from NBC LA regarding Panda International. The reporter is working on an update story because the owner is supposed to appear in court on Thursday. He is touching base with all the agencies that were involved and wants to find out what the latest is from EPA's side: what are the next steps? What did EPA find?

I spoke with Jason and he summarized the main items below. I know you had a meeting with LA DPH a few weeks ago, so I wanted to touch base with you and see if you had anything to add/edit.

Hoping to get this to the reporter first thing tomorrow morning.

Thanks!

Soledad

**From:** MUSANTE, JASON  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 23, 2016 5:15 PM  
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**Subject:** RE: Panda International/Fruitland Magnesium Fire

Just spoke with Soledad.

Three main activities:

- EPA is pursuing enforcement first PRP-lead removal
- EPA is working with state/local partner agencies regarding authorities/resources to assist with removal activities
- EPA is planning for a fund-lead removal action which will require \$2 million statutory exemption approval from HQ (costs include ER activities to-date and planned facility activities).

Currently the site is stabilized, fenced, and EPA has contracted 24 hr security.

I suggested that Soledad contact Dan Meer regarding his communication with Public Health to ensure coordination of media info.

Thank you,

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Report oil or chemical spills  
National Response Center: 800.424.8802  
Region IX Duty Officer: 800.300.2193



**From:** Allen, HarryL  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 23, 2016 4:08 PM  
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**Cc:** MUSANTE, JASON <[Musante.Jason@epa.gov](mailto:Musante.Jason@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Panda International/Fruitland Magnesium Fire

Hi Jason – you should talk to Soledad about these questions.

**From:** Calvino, Maria Soledad  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 23, 2016 3:25 PM  
**To:** Harris-Bishop, Rusty <[Harris-Bishop.Rusty@epa.gov](mailto:Harris-Bishop.Rusty@epa.gov)>  
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**Subject:** Re: Panda International/Fruitland Magnesium Fire

Hi Harry,

Just spoke to the reporter and he is working on this story because the owner is supposed to appear in court on Thursday. He is touching base with all the agencies that were involved and wants to find out what the latest is from EPA's side: what are the next steps? What did EPA find?

He also wanted me to check in on the sampling result reports that we told him we would send him after Sept. 15th.

He is hoping to get someone on the phone today. Until what time are you in the office? I'm thinking Jason should also be on the call.

Let me know.

I'm on this communications training but can step out for a quick call.

Thanks,

Soledad Calvino

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On Aug 23, 2016, at 1:33 PM, Harris-Bishop, Rusty <[Harris-Bishop.Rusty@epa.gov](mailto:Harris-Bishop.Rusty@epa.gov)> wrote:

I would let Soledad or Bill call them. They can set up a time to get all y'all on the phone together. You shouldn't call without OPA on the call as well.

Rusty

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 23, 2016, at 12:37 PM, Allen, HarryL <[Allen.HarryL@epa.gov](mailto:Allen.HarryL@epa.gov)> wrote:

FYI. Should I call them? You want to join?

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Kandel, Jason (NBCUniversal)" <[Jason.Kandel@nbcuni.com](mailto:Jason.Kandel@nbcuni.com)>

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Hi Mr. Allen,

I'm writing about Panda International today for [nbcla.com](http://nbcla.com) and wanted to pick your brain. You have a few minutes to talk today?

Thanks,

Jason

**Jason Kandel**

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